

WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY

Corn Shows.
The shows that have been held for years of corn ears have done a great deal of good in attracting attention to the improvement of corn. But we have now more attention to the corn plant as a whole. The shows simply showed that one man has ears that approach nearer to the requirements of the score card than another, but give us no information as to the style of the corn nor its productiveness. The score card lays particular stress on the perfectly cylindrical shape of the ear, and the covering of the tip and butt with grain. In some experiments made at one of the Western stations it was found that ears that tapered made more corn an acre than the score-card ears. It has also been found that the constant selection of ears with the tip well covered tends to make shorter ears, and that an ear that is snouty shows that the plant has made an effort to make a longer ear, and this corn rejected by the judges at the show will make more corn than the well-covered ears. What the farmer wants is corn, bushels of corn an acre.

Pretty ears are desirable, but productivity is more so. Every farmer knows, who tried for the first time the Southern Prolific varieties like Cocks Prolific, is disappointed when he gets the seed, and I have had them send me samples to know if it was worth planting. This corn never has the even grains of the large eared, single eared corn, but it makes the corn per acre.

At a corn show in Baltimore some years ago, I went around with the judges, and saw that they placed the blue ribbon on the largest and finest ears. Near-by, in a station exhibit, and not for competition, were ears of Cocks Prolific, which no one seemed to notice. They said that they had done all right, according to rules, but I knew that I could take those little ears of Cocks Prolific and make more corn on an acre than with any of the big show ears. These Southern Prolific ears are long season corns, and do not suit Northern conditions. But they are the corns that have made the great wide per acre that have shown that the South can grow more corn than any other part of the country if the soil is improved.

Burbank's Corn.
What do you know about the wonderful corn that Mr. Burbank has produced in California? Some time ago I got a very pretty printed invitation to become a member of the Luther Burbank Society that they have founded in California to publish Burbank's books. I told them I was a member of the society and that a further contribution of \$10 would get me a full set of Mr. Burbank's books with my name engraved in it as one of the members. They said that the membership is limited to 500, and was nearly full. As my invitation was No. 85, it did not look that way to me. They printed a list of about forty names of various corn growers all over the country who were members. Among them was the name of John W. Wamaker. I wrote to Mr. Wamaker and asked if he had paid the \$10.

He replied that he knew nothing more about the society but that they had notified him that he was elected a member, and he had paid nothing. And I suppose the whole list of names was exactly in the same way, a sucker bait. The circular told wonderful tales about the great value of Mr. Burbank's productions, and told about the spinster's cactus.

Spinster's Cactus.
They said the spinster's cactus would beat alfalfa or any other plant for stock feed. Now the fact is that six years ago the California experiment station told Mr. Burbank that his spinster's cactus was a very poor water, and had very little nutritive character. They said that the plants of Mr. Burbank had started the prime industry in California, when the fact was that they are not used by the prize growers at all. But the greatest year was Burbank's corn.

Burbank's Corn.
The circular stated that the greatest feat of Mr. Burbank was the corn he had "invented." This corn, it said, grows sixteen feet tall and bears thirty ears on a stalk. Two ears to every foot from the ground to the tassels. Now any one can believe as much of that as they choose. I do not know why he did not make the tassels all ears. Hence, my advice is to grow the corn common in your section and let Burbank take all alone. I have given this more room than it deserves, because the way in which parties in California are trying to boom Burbank and his queer things have never panned out, at least in the East.

Cow Breeding.
How soon after calving should a cow be bred? A cow will usually breed in one month after calving, and will come in in about twenty days intervals after that. She will breed more readily after calving if she has had a good dry spell before the calving. Milking too long in pregnancy tends to irregularity in breeding.

Teosinte.
From Essex Co. The seed catalogues recommend teosinte very highly. Last year we planted corn in succession and fed it green to teams. Would teosinte be better for this purpose? Teosinte, from luxurians, makes a very strong growth of forage on strong land, and can be cut more than once. It never seeds in this climate, as the season is too short for this anywhere north of the southern end of Florida. I have grown it, and found that it made a goodly amount of green forage, but as compared with Indian corn, I do not think it so good, if the corn is cut and fed in the spring or early in the fall. The large ears of corn plants that can compare with corn in value. But I had rather put the corn in the silo and let the silage rather than the green corn. The silage will keep through summer as well as in winter, and will be all right for the summer feed of succulent material.

The Silo in Summer.
Years ago we did not think of ensilage except as a feed for cattle in the winter. One summer I had a silo left about half full when the cows went on pasture. It remained till time to fill again in the late summer. It was going away for the day, and told my foreman to clean out the silos ready for filling. When I returned in the evening I found a pile of the finest silage. Had I been home I would have stopped taking it out when I found that under the damaged surface it was still good. But I learned then that

no matter how much is left over, it will still be good, and ensilage often comes in very handy in a summer drought to keep the cows from failing, and will help any stock on the farm when the pastures are dried up. Have a silo, and make an abundance of ensilage.

Cow Peas and Crimson Clover.
From Accomac County: "I write to you as an authority on crimson clover. I have some sandy soil that I propose to turn in cow peas, early in June, and plant them under in time to sow crimson clover on the land. What kind of fertilizer shall I use to hasten the growth of the peas and make them vigorous. The land is poor, and I wish to improve it with leguminous crops."

I am always glad to hear from any one in my native county who is wishing to improve his land with legumes, for there has been a great neglect of these in Accomac and Northampton, and too great a dependence on the constant and heavy application of commercial fertilizers. While the people on the Eastern Shore counties of Virginia are thrifty and make money in truck crops, there is far too little attention given to the getting of humus in the soil and the improvement of the land in this way. In passing through these counties in winter one is pained to see the wide areas of bare land left to leach fertility in the winter rains, while it should be covered with a green crop, if only rye.

The potato growers there laboriously haul out the pine straw from the woods in winter to spread on the land for set potatoes, when they might get a far better cover of organic matter by growing a winter cover crop. Where the land is left from a late crop, it may be rather late to get clover on, but they could get a cover of rye, and a growth of rye even would give them as much organic matter as the hauling or trash from the woods.

While the trucker might find a growth of crimson clover rather late, and his sweet potato crop he could make a fine crop of corn on it, and would thus get some humus into the soil and then get rye and sweet potatoes without so much labor of raking and hauling and spreading the pine trash from the woods. The great need of the soils on the Eastern Shore is humus or vegetable decay. The pine trash does give them some, but it costs more and is not as good as clover that would save the buying of ammonia in a fertilizer. What is needed there is an alteration of the land in farm and clover and peas, and then in truck with the fertilizers. There is too little attention given to the raising of live stock and the making of manure, since forage crops are generally ignored. Accomac and Northampton could be made greatly more productive with less spending of money for fertilizers if more attention was given to the legume crops.

But the hardest thing is to argue against the truckers, and as long as these people make money with their crops and commercial fertilizers, it is hard to convince them that they could do better by the growing of peas and crimson clover, and always having some sort of a winter cover on their land to catch the nitrogen that is washing from their soil in the winter rains, and return it to the soil in spring by plowing under the crop that has taken it up.

Now, if this preliminary, I will say that the best way you can do for the peas will be to give about 300 pounds an acre of acid phosphate and twenty-five pounds of muriate of potash well barrowed in, in the preparation of the soil. Then drill the peas with a wheat drill set to sow two bushels of wheat. This will put the peas in at a uniform depth, and they will grow off much better than broadcasted and purpose will be the speed and whiplow, as it is a rather early job, and will be ready to turn under earlier than the black or clay peas. Of course, you can urge the more rapid growth by using some nitrogen in the fertilizer. But if you do not use the peas will take it and will not get the nitrogen from the air, and hence will not do as much for the soil. They will grow on poor land, but will supply with acid phosphate and potash, and in the soil, where they can get nitrogen from the soil.

Let the peas get well matured before turning them under, and then prepare a land well and sow fifteen or more potatoes of the crimson clover seed an acre, and brush it in with a smoothing harrow. The best time to sow the clover will be in late August or early September.

Hayman Sweet Potatoes and Onions.
Another Peninsula man writes: "Do you mind Southern Queen sweet potato in an ordinary cellar, or in a furnace? Where can I get the Hayman plants? My father raised onions called English or French multipliers, and one onion that made large onions from sets, and the large ones made a lot of sets. I do not recognize them in the catalogues. Can you help me? Yes, where I handled the potatoes myself, and sinned them well before storing, and then kept the cellar open and airy till the nights got frosty. I have kept the Hayman sweet potatoes very well in an unheated cellar that was well protected from frost. And I have had them decay in a cellar with a hot water boiler in it where I bought the potatoes, and some one who had handled them had laid and hauled them miles to town. It is a matter of careful handling as much as storing. I try to keep sweet potatoes in a temperature of 45 to 50 degrees. You can get the plants from W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md."

Potato Onions.
The onions you refer to are doubtless the yellow potato onion. There are two varieties of these multipliers, or onions that increase in size and make no seed. The yellow potato onion makes a very large onion from fall-planted sets, and a number of onions that either be used as green onions in the spring, or for fall planting. The large onion planted in spring, burst up into a multitude of sets, and I have now a lot of sets, and the growing to make sets for fall planting.

There is another variety of multiplier onion which is white and never makes a large onion, but is useful as a green onion in spring or for pickling. This white multiplier is a very good keeper, while the yellow one is a poor keeper, and must be used or sold early in summer after it is ripe. You can find both of these in the catalogues under the names of yellow and white potato onions.

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HEAVY EBB TIDE STOPS PRACTICE

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 9.—Owing to the heavy ebb-tide and strong northwest wind, none of the crews in training for the regatta practiced in the morning, but towards the latter part of the afternoon, all, including the late arrivals of the Pennsylvania crew, were on the river. The crews are rowing hard. The Quakers are handicapped for the varsity this year owing to the probability of being minus Captain Alexander, who sprained his ankle in Philadelphia Saturday. His place has been taken by Wolfe.

E. W. Madara, how our in the senior Pennsylvania, is unable to come owing to examinations, but is expected later. Columbia is not in form as yet, but Coach Rice expects them to round out before the regatta.

The Columbia four-oared crew seems stronger than usual. All four men are veterans.

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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.
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News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street (Telephone 1455).

Petersburg, Va., June 9.

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Personal and Otherwise.
The monthly meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Association of Petersburg and vicinity was held yesterday afternoon at the Woodland Baptist Church, in Chesterfield County. The address was delivered by the Rev. E. W. Moore, of this city. Reports for all the schools except Matoaca were given, showing an enrollment of 2,114 with an average attendance of 845.

Miss Kate Andrews, who was recently operated on for appendicitis at the hospital, has sufficiently recovered to return home.

Miss Rebecca Culbreth, of Raleigh, N. C., is visiting her parents, who are now staying with their daughter, Miss E. W. Butcher, on West Washington Street.

Miss Reba Alice Brown, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Clark J. Brown, who has been training for the past two years at Providence, R. I., to become a nurse, is in the city visiting her parents. Before going North she assisted her father at the Petersburg Business College, and also taught geography at the Southern Female College.

Miss Rosa Newell was called to her home in Roxboro, N. C., on Saturday, to attend the funeral of her brother, Harry Newell.

Miss Mary Couch is reported as critically ill at her home on West Washington Street.

The closing exercises of the Petersburg High School will be held in the Academy of Music to-morrow night, with a class of thirty-three graduates, the largest in the history of the school. The address will be delivered by Judge Robert C. Jackson, of Roanoke.

The closing exercises of the Peabody (colored) High School will also be in the Academy of Music on Wednesday night, with a class of forty-one graduates.

CHARTERS ISSUED
Charters were issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission as follows: The Chesapeake Industrial School for Youth, Manassas. No capital stock. W. H. Smith, president; J. E. Jenkins, secretary; L. E. Cary, all of Richmond.

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